

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 1:20-cr-847-1
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PLAINTIFF,	)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	ORDER
JAMES GRAY,	)	
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DEFENDANT.	)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge Carmen E. Henderson Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT the plea of guilty of defendant James Gray and enter a finding of guilty against defendant. (Doc. No. 19.)

On December 17, 2020, the government filed an Indictment against defendant. (Doc. No. 9.) On February 1, 2021, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Henderson for the purpose of receiving defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 15.)

On February 2, 2021, a hearing was held in which defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging him with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 846, and to Counts 2, 3, 4 of the Indictment, charging him with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and Cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). Magistrate Judge Henderson received defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 19.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the defendant is adjudged guilty of Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Indictment.

The sentencing will be held on May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: April 6, 2021

  
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**HONORABLE SARA LIOI**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**